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The steam otter trawler *Sprey* which arrived at Boston yesterday, had the gale of last Wednesday and Thursday very heavy on Georges, but rode it out without damage. The nets of the trawler were badly damaged on the rough bottom during her trip. Beside her haddock and cod, she brought in 1000 pounds of flounders and quite a number of deep sea scallops. The craft fished in about the same spot as on her trip previous, yet her trawls were much more badly torn.

Capt. Malone reports speaking sch. *Pauline* of the port, Capt. Patrick Vale, after the gale and the craft was all right. She parted during the gale and drifted off but worked back on the bank all right. Capt. Vale wished to be reported.

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**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.**

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Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, via Boston.

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Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$4.10 for large, 3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$3.00 for medium.

Newfoundland frozen herring for bait, \$3.00 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 per cwt.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

**Boston.**

Sch. Diana, 55,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Mary Cabral, 9000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 6000 cod.

Sch. Thomas W. Knight, 1000 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Squanto, 30,000 halibut.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 3500 haddock, 400 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 1600 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 7000 haddock 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sloop Venus, 1000 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, 12,000 haddock 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Mattakesett, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Onato, 58,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Haddock \$2 to \$4, large cod \$5 to \$6, market cod \$3 to \$3.50, hake \$3.25 to \$6; cusk \$3.50, pollock \$4, halibut 11 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. for gray.

**THE DOGFISH BILL.**

**Bureau of Fisheries Opposes the Idea of Bounty.**

**Advocates an Appropriation for Experiment Station.**

(Special to the TIMES.)

Washington, March 5.—The Massachusetts delegation, headed by Ex-Representative Edwin C. McIntire, and consisting in addition to Mr. McIntire of Prof. Field, chairman of the Massachusetts fish and game commission and State Senator Herman A. Harding of the Cape Cod district, arrived in Washington this morning, and were closeted for two hours with Dr. Smith, the deputy commissioner of the bureau of fisheries of the department of commerce and labor.

The delegation found the fish commission strongly opposed to any legislation providing for a bounty such as suggested in the Tirrell bill now pending before congress.

Accordingly, after a great deal of discussion, Dr. Smith gave out as his opinion that the commission would not oppose some other line of legislation, as they realized perfectly what a menace to the Atlantic fisheries the dog fish are.

Dr. Smith gave it as his opinion that the proper way to get at the matter was to have an appropriation providing for an investigation to be conducted under the direction of the fish commission. His idea is to establish a small plant, where for a stated time the dog-fish could be purchased from the fishermen and investigation made with the view to ascertaining their exact value for fertilizer, oil, etc.

With this information in mind, the delegation immediately changed their tack, and will advocate such legislation before the committee on merchant marine and fisheries tomorrow morning, when the hearing on the subject will be given. It is the hope that the Fish Commission will agree to support such a plan, and with their opposition removed, the Massachusetts men believe that half the battle is won.

Should the present plan of the commission be carried out and an appropriation made, Mr. McIntire is of the belief that the plant would be constructed at Gloucester, the logical point for landing the dog fish and conducting the experiments.

The idea is that as soon as the commission find out just what can be done with the fish, and what can be realized in the way of profit as a result of the oil and fertilizer, they will be in a position to go into the business on a permanent basis, and ask Congress for a permanent appropriation.

The delegation later in the day had conferences with a large number of the Massachusetts representatives in Congressman Gardner's room, and talked with Senator Crane in his committee room. They are quartered at the New Willard.

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**Herring Notes.**

The discharge of frozen herring from the British sch. *Werra* into sch. *M. B. Stetson* was completed last night, and the latter will sail for New York today to market her fare.

Sch. *Ingomar*, that took out her cargo of frozen herring at New York, arrived from there this morning with a cargo of coal.

**SCOTCH CURING.**

**Newfoundland Government Talking of Trying It.**

**May Have Scotch Drifting Steamers To Catch Herring.**

The papers at present teem with despatches from St. John's, N. F., as to what the Newfoundland government proposes to do to drive the Americans out of the Newfoundland winter herring fishery. Every day, now that the Newfoundland parliament is in session, brings forth two or three of these despatches. What effect all the proposed legislation, bounties, new methods of fishing, etc., even if put in operation, can have upon the American vessels continuing to pursue the winter herring fishery on the Treaty Coast is hard for the average fisherman, skipper or vessel owner to see, but here is what the despatch of yesterday says:

"As a further step in the policy of destroying American supremacy in the herring fishery on the west coast of Newfoundland and transferring the control of this industry to the local fishermen, the Newfoundland government proposes to spend \$40,000 in experimenting with drift nets after the Scotch fashion along the coast of the island and Labrador.

"Two Scotch drifting steamers will be imported and exhaustive tests made of the principal fishing grounds to determine accurately the resorts of the herring. It is also intended to pay a bounty of \$1 per barrel on all herring cured by the Scotch process and exported to foreign countries."

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**ON MARCH TENTH.**

**Date Set for Anacortes Codfishing Vessels To Sail.**

Schs. *Alice* and *Joseph Russ*, which have been lying at Anacortes, Wash., during the winter, are outfitting for a cruise in the Behring sea for codfish. They will sail March 10. Other schooners will follow them and part of the crews are being made up of expert codfishers from the Atlantic coast.

These are probably the crafts in which the 40 fishermen who left here last Friday for Anacortes will go codfishing, but it is doubtful if they get away so soon, as the men will only arrive there a day or so before that.

As the result of the report that the Gloucester fisherman had gone to the Pacific coast to take the places of striking fishermen, Capt. George A. Johnson wired the Robinson Fish Company at Anacortes, Wash., the firm who hired the men, asking if there was any strike there. A reply was received yesterday stating that if there was any labor trouble reported among the fishermen of Puget Sound, it was without foundation.



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# DOGFISH DEPREDATIONS.

## Two-Hour Argument Against Pest at Washington.

### TIRRELL FAVORS BOUNTY.

Sum of \$50,000 Will, However,  
Be Asked for Experiments.

The depredations of dogfish were the subject of a two-hour hearing yesterday morning before a sub-committee of the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries at Washington.

Representative Greene is chairman of the sub-committee. Four members of the Massachusetts congressional delegations, Representatives Green, Tirrell, Gardner and McNary, and several experts of the department of agriculture and the bureau of fisheries, joined with the committee appointed by Gov. Guild in denouncing the dogfish, and recommending that something be done for its suppression.

As a result of the exchange of views Representative Greene, as chairman of the sub-committee, instructed by Dr. H. A. Smith, deputy commissioner of fisheries, to prepare a bill carrying an appropriation of \$50,000, to ascertain whether the dogfish can be utilized in the manufacture of fertilizer, oil, leather and a cheap article of food.

Mr. Greene stated that his sub-committee would approve such a bill, urge its acceptance by the full committee, and endeavor to get its provisions incorporated in one of the great appropriation bills.

This was conducted by Representative Tirrell, who has introduced a bill for the payment of a bounty of two cents per head upon dogfish captured or killed in the Atlantic ocean.

Prof. George W. Field, head of the fisheries department of Massachusetts, was the first witness. He produced a report which showed that the dogfish caused a loss of \$400,000 a year to the fishermen of Massachusetts. But the evil is not confined to Massachusetts, Prof. Field said. It is a national loss which involves the possible destruction of the entire supply of food fish on the Atlantic seaboard. Prof. Field referred to the importance of the fisheries as a training school for the navy.

Neither Prof. Field nor any of the other witnesses expressed themselves as wedded to the idea of bounty upon dogfish, but they urged that something be done.

Prof. Field concluded his statement by saying that he believed investigation of the subject of producing oil, leather, fertilizer, etc., from dogfish would result in the discovery of a method whereby the fish could be made practically to pay for their own extermination.

#### MCINTIRE GIVES FIGURES.

Ex-Representative Edwin C. McIntire of Gloucester followed Prof. Field. He referred to the astounding depredations of the dogfish, reported by various fishing vessels. Their depredations, he said, extended all the way from Cape Hatteras to Labrador.

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The payment of a bounty might be the best way of combating the evil, but that was a question to be determined by the experts of the federal bureau of fisheries. Several years ago Mr. McIntire said there were a number of small fishing vessels sailing out of Rockport, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newburyport, Salisbury, Portsmouth and other points along the coast, and they all made money. Now they have gone out of business because the dogfish have killed off the food fish.

State Senator H. A. Harding represented the Cape Cod fishing interests. The interests of his constituents, he said, had declined almost to nothing. He would not undertake to say that this was entirely due to the pernicious activity of the dogfish, but he thought that had a great deal to do with the present state of affairs.

He expressed the belief that properly treated dogfish could be converted into a cheap food supply for the masses, and it could be conveyed directly to them, owing to the methods of modern transportation, which have greatly extended the use of fresh fish. The skin of dogfish, too, would make good leather where toughness is desired.

Dr. A. C. True, chief of experiment stations of the department of agriculture, and Prof. W. A. Beale, his assistant, explained briefly the value of fish as a fertilizer. They suggested the establishment of a refining plant for the conversion of dogfish into useful substances.

Mr. H. M. Smith, deputy commissioner of fisheries, endorsed the suggestion to experiment with dogfish. He said this was the only means of meeting the situation, but he strongly opposed the bounty plan proposed in Representative Tirrell's bill. He urged the establishment of a small experimental station to determine the market value of dogfish as food, oil, leather and fertilizer.

Representative McNary entertained the committee with a brief relation of his experiences as an amateur fisherman. He said that on the Massachusetts coast, where some years ago he used to catch all kinds of good fish, he could now scarcely get a bite, except from dogfish, which demolished his fishing tackle.

#### CONGRESSMAN TIRRELL CLOSES.

The hearing was closed by Representative Tirrell in defence of his bill. He combatted the suggestion that a bounty is unconstitutional, as suggested by officials of the fisheries bureau. Mr. Tirrell said that the government has the power and the right to do anything to preserve the food supply of the country. He cited precedents for the payments of bounties for various purposes, notably the proposition now pending in congress to subsidize American shipping.

The dominion of Canada, he said, pays a bounty on dogfish. He argued that the United States has equal powers and duties to perform. Mr. Tirrell did not object to experimenting with dogfish, and the proposition of Chairman Greene to provide for these experiments by a bill carrying an appropriation of \$50,000 was accepted.

After conferring with the department officials present at the hearing, the Massachusetts delegation expressed the belief that the sum proposed would permit of the carrying on of experiments at fertilizer factories at Gloucester, Provincetown, Tiverton, R. I., and points on the coast of Long island and New Jersey.

These plants being already established, none of the appropriation contemplated would be necessary in the erection of buildings and purchase of machinery. The scheme would merely involve the superintendence by government officials of the experiments.

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#### Boston.

Steamer Ida, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Rapidan, 3500 haddock.

Steamer Quartette, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2200 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Tecumseh, 4000 haddock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Kernwood, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7000 haddock.

Sch. William A. Morse, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Etta Mildred, 8500 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 10,000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 8000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 16,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 4000 haddock.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1400 haddock, 1400 cod.

Haddock, \$4.50; large cod, \$6; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$3 to \$5.50; cusk, \$2.50; pollock, \$3.12 1-2.

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## MADE BIG RECORD.

2720 Hogsheads of Salt Taken  
from Steamer Alicia.

By the D. M. Hilton Co.'s Stevedores in 9 1-2 Hours.

The record for discharging salt from a steamer was broken here yesterday when the D. M. Hilton Co. gang of stevedores, in charge of Capt. Philip Merchant, in little less than nine and a half hours, took out 2720 hogsheads of salt from the steamer Alicia, now lying in the inner harbor. Three hatches were worked all the time and four part of the time. It certainly was big work and the men in the stevedore gang say it was the biggest day's work at discharging salt ever done at this port.